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5. The troops use 7.62-mm. rifles of Soviet make. Some troops have 7.62-mm. Soviet submachine guns with a magazine on top. Officers and noncommissioned officers are armed with 7.62-mm. Soviet pistols. Two of the riflemen who guard a tank have submachine guns, while the third man has a Degtyarev automatic telescope (rifle?), as well as six egg-shaped Bulgarian hand grenades. A case of hand grenades for the riflemen is placed in each tank.
6. Tank troops receive infantry, tank, engine, weapons, and radio training. After the basic infantry training, troops are trained either as tank leaders, gunners, or radiomen. No matter what his specialty, each soldier receives training in all of the above three fields. The riflemen guarding a tank are selected after basic training on the basis of their shooting ability. The tank unit trains in the fields along the Iskur River and at a drill ground nearby. Once a week the battalion goes fully armed on bivouac for the whole day, using all the battalion tanks.
7. The regiment is not an independent unit. It participates once a year in a 3-month maneuver of the 1 Army in Sofia. The purpose of this regiment up to this point was to counter a Yugoslav attack. It is an elite unit and takes part in state holidays.
8. The troops wear cloth uniforms with dark blue overalls. Officers wear training uniforms and worsted dress uniforms.
9. Troops receive bread and coffee with milk for breakfast; soup, vegetables, and 250 grams of meat for lunch; and vegetables and 250 grams of meat for supper.
10. Political training twice a week includes political indoctrination, lectures, motion picture viewing on political subjects, and discussions.

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